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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments:

**In the claims:**

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

Please cancel claims 11-13, 16-18, 20, 21, 32, 33, 36-38, 43-45, 51, 52, 54, 55, 58, 59, 69, 70, 72-86, and 89 without prejudice.

1. (Amended) An isolated protein comprising an N-terminal amino acid and a C-terminal amino acid, wherein the protein is selected from:

(a) a protein with an N-terminal cysteine that is appended with at least one hydrophobic moiety;